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MISS HOOD,	MISS FISHER,	MISS H. K. FERRELL.
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FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Benevolent Association was held Tuesday, May 20th, 1873, at 5 o'clock P. M.

The President, Hon. William A. Porter in the chair, and John H. Atwood, acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting held May 21st, 1872, were read and approved, Mr. L. M. Bond read the Annual Report of the Board of Managers, for the year now ended, which was on motion approved and referred to the New Board for such action and publication as they may think advisable.

Mr. Latimer offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That in view of the large amount of work done by the Association during the past year,

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the members are encouraged to go on with renewed zeal in this excellent charity.

Resolved, That the Union Benevolent Association, an organization for the proper distribution of the alms of the benevolent to all classes of the poor, without regard to country, color or sect, does commend itself to a more liberal support from all citizens.

The Treasurer's report for the year now ended, was read and on motion accepted and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Sherrerd and Atwood to audit.

On motion, the meeting went into an election for eight managers to serve for three years. Messrs. Latimer and Sherrerd were appointed tellers, who reported the following as unanimously elected :

J. FISHER LEAMING,
BENJAMIN COATES,
EDWARD R. WOOD,
L. MONTGOMERY BOND,

JOHN H. ATWOOD,
THOMAS LATIMER,
JOHN BOHLEN,
WILLIAM PURVES.

Who with the following constitute the Board of Managers :

WILLIAM A. PORTER,
ARTHUR G. COFFIN,
BENJAMIN ORNE,
RICHARD WOOD,
JOHN B. GEST,
ALBERT F. DAMON,
CHARLES HARTSHORNE,

CHARLES S. WURTS, M. D.,
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RICHARD L. WILLING.

On motion, adjourned.

JOHN H. ATWOOD,
Secretary.

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

The Board of Managers beg leave respectfully to present their Forty-second Annual Report to the contributors of the Union Benevolent Association. Since the last annual meeting, the severe and protracted inclemency of another winter has intervened, to test the ability of the institution for its peculiar work. It will be observed by reference to the table of operations below, that more labor has been performed, while less money was collected than during the previous year. It has been, indeed, a season of great hardship for all classes. Every department of business has been dull, and money scarce, the winter itself was very close; and many avenues of labor shut up by the deep and constantly recurring storms of snow. But it is gratifying to the Managers to be able to show an increased amount of work performed against such adverse circumstances. It is a proof of the vitality of the Society, that it is able to increase its work with reduced means. Great credit is due to the noble band of visitors, who have so faithfully conducted the ministrations of mercy—instructing the ignorant, admonishing the vicious, visiting the sick, feeding the hungry, and administering consolation to the weary and heavy laden. Credit is

also due to the agent of the Society, for his intelligent and steady activity in managing its general affairs.

The following table, condensed from the Ladies' Reports, gives a general account of their work. It is not complete, because the ladies do not fully report their visitations; and because, moreover, much of their work is intangible and spiritual.

Number of visits made to the habitations of the poor.....	10,759
Number of families under care.....	5,756
Number of sick persons administered to.....	1,208
Number of deaths attended upon.....	161
Number of children found homes and schools.....	16
Number of women found employment.....	153
Amount distributed by visitors in cash appropriations from the general fund.....	\$3,900 00
Amount distributed from collections made by visitors from private sources.....	1,806 24
A large amount of various articles and materials, received from private and Dorcas societies, specified in the reports of the Ladies' Branch; comprising beds and bedding, household furniture, hats, bonnets, flannels, muslins, cloths, many new and full suits of clothing for children, and a very large number of garments for men and women, such as dresses, stockings, overcoats, coats, pantaloons and vests, &c., also a large amount of provisions, groce- ries, medicines and necessities for the sick, estimated to be worth, including garments and shoes specified above, not less than.....	2,000 00
The store committee reports the employment by the ladies of 25 to 50 sewing women during the year; and the amount paid to them from proceeds of sales, entirely distinct from the general work made from the store of the Association, Northwest corner of Seventh and Sansom streets.....	4,636 84
Bibles, books and tracts were distributed in considerable num- bers; but no accurate account of them has been kept.	
Amount of coal delivered in quarter and half tons.....	1,265½ tons.
Amount of wood delivered, cut small exclusively for the sick, cords...	16
Number of garments, new and partly worn.....	2,305
Number of pairs of boots and shoes.....	157
Number of stoves loaned to the poor during the year.....	366
Number of garments, cut and made at the store.....	4,559

This showing of the material working of the Association might be considered as fitly closing our report. But no associated effort in this field is complete which does not gather light from experience; and we, therefore, desire to place on record, our condemnation of the growing evil of indiscriminate almsgiving, as against the other crying evils of idleness and intemperance.

The charities of Philadelphia in extent, variety and amount have long been conspicuous. There is scarcely a conceivable form of human want or wretchedness, for which a special and appropriate provision has not been made. There is hardly a malady to which the human frame is subject; scarcely a casualty to which it is liable, which has not some provision allotted to its victims. If people are destitute they can be lodged, clothed and fed, all at the public cost. If they meet with accidents, hospitals and infirmaries are open to receive them. If they are afflicted with disease, the medical charities are diversified, and easily accessible, surgeons are willing to attend them gratis for the mere sake of practice. If maternity comes and finds them unprovided, the lying-in-hospital is at hand. If a long course of vice has punished them with loathsome maladies, other hospitals welcome them and cure them. If a poor girl wanders from the path of virtue, asylums reach forth their helping hands to her. If the emigrant seeks a home in the West, or the colored man one in Africa, there are organizations to help him to get there. From the cradle to the grave, they are surrounded with importunate benevolence. The number of charitable organizations in Philadelphia, including those con-

nected with the churches, is about three hundred and fifty; and it would be safe to say that not less than two million dollars are dispensed by them annually; counting that of the Guardians of the Poor, and the work of the hospitals. This is about one-fifth the distribution of the city of London, which amounted last year to over ten millions, without enumerating the parish work under the control of the churches. Certainly there are means enough here for the relief of all misery that ought to exist. Yet we do not find that destitution or suffering has been either eradicated or provided for. We do not feel clear that it has been *met*. We are by no means certain that it has not been increased. There is no doubt, at least, that it still prevails to an extent wholly without excuse in a country, where labor is so abundant and so well remunerated as in America; and where millions of acres of teeming soil lie open to the industrious upon our vast domain. Selfishness and indolence are natural to uncorrected humanity. Few will exert themselves who can subsist without exertion. Fewer still will undergo the wearisome drudgery of severe and continuous toil, who can supply their wants without it. The extent, the thoughtlessness, the indiscriminate nature of our benevolence has called into existence a class, the most noxious that can infest a community, to whom charity is a regular livelihood; who can calculate with certainty upon this income; who subsist upon it as upon any other occupation or profession. The same system not only maintains this class; it is perpetually recruiting and increasing it. It tempts into it the more indolent, reckless, and poor of the laboring classes. It saps the virtues of

energy and self-reliance in those yet uncontaminated, by holding out to them the demoralizing contrast between the easy comforts of those who beg, and the hard privations of those who toil. It teaches men—ever ready to learn so luxurious a lesson, to rely on others rather than themselves. It soon teaches them to claim as a right, sustenance from others, and to be discontented and malignant when it is withheld. It raises barricades, almost insurmountable, in the path of real philanthropy, undermining the efficiency of the religious teacher by poisoning his ministrations. Were indiscriminate charity to be regarded in its true light, and scouted as a crime instead of being hugged as a virtue, all this degraded class would vanish as by magic. What shall we say then ; are cases of real suffering which ought to be relieved rare, or non-existent ? We by no means affirm any such thing. On the contrary, we know and assert from the testimony of more than a hundred visitors of this society, that much and great suffering is constantly to be found in our midst ; and it is the duty of the Christian and philanthropist to seek and relieve it. What we insist upon is that our benevolence should be *intelligent*—that we should discriminate between the true and the false—between the dishonest *professional* beggar ; who, with demure countenance and a limping gait tramps upon our streets ; who sends his half-clad children to our doors ; who carries his forged petition to our places of business ; who deceives our visitors by lying representations : between such, we say, and the bed-ridden sick and the lowly—the widowed mother, and her sickly offspring, pining, starving, dying, it may be in out-of-the-way garrets of our lanes and alleys,

it is our duty to *discriminate*. We have only been desirous to point out the inevitable operation on the morals and energies of the industrious classes, of a custom which virtually raises the slovenly, the reckless, the lazy and the debauched into a superior condition to their own. The first, the wisest, the surest, the most far-reaching field for the efforts of him who would serve his fellow creatures is the *ascertaining and enforcing those principles of social science*, by which alone misery can be permanently removed or prevented ; and distress effectually relieved. Thus only can the source be discovered and dried up ; thus only can the axe be laid to the root of the tree. Till this is done, all our other efforts are blind struggles, labors in the dark, as likely to aggravate as to mitigate the evil.

Now what is the conclusion of all this ? The conclusion is first, that our system of charity—if it can be called a system—is defective : that the multiplication of charitable organizations without any relationship or order, or general plan, creates an interlapping of interest and confusion of purpose, of which the unworthy take advantage to the prejudice of the worthy poor. Second : that indiscriminating charity is the promoter of the evil it would cure. It is so God-like to be merciful ; so delicious to relieve distress. The Christian heart expands at the well-told tale of misery and woe, without stopping to inquire whether it be real or feigned, and as it is nearly always feigned by the common beggar, the generous gift becomes a curse rather than a blessing. Then what is the remedy ? The remedy is the establishment of some general system for the whole city, to be under one head, and founded upon the experience of long tried and judi-

cious minded visitors of the poor. The plan might be something like the following, to wit :

First : The subdivision of the city into districts or wards.

Second : The subdivision of the districts into sections.

Third : The complete organization of each section ; and the appointment of a visitor for each block or square of the city ; who shall meet monthly, and report their doings to a secretary, to be nominated from among themselves.

Fourth : The secretaries of the sections to constitute a general board, to be called the Executive Board, who shall also meet monthly to hear and act upon the reports of visitors.

Fifth : The visitors should be Christian ladies ; but there might be a few *male visitors* to perform certain labors, and to visit where it might be improper or unpleasant for ladies to go.

Sixth : There should be a general Board of Finance and Control, to be composed of gentlemen.

Seventh : A committee of conference from this board could meet with the ladies at their stated meetings, and the two boards should confer in full meeting, two or three times a year.

This plan, it will be observed, is substantially the plan of the *Union Benevolent Association* ; and after an experience of over forty years, there appears to be but little to be desired in this plan for a perfect organization for city work in the field of charity. It is, of course, like all human plans, difficult of perfect execution ; but it is as generally faithful as any institution

can be, whose labors are conducted without rewards or favors.

The principle to be laid down in the conduct of such a work should be first, that of *personal investigation* into the worthiness of each case; and secondly, of *careful discrimination* in affording relief. Very little money should ever be dispensed. The distribution should be in materials, food and fuel instead. The duties of visitors should be the instruction of the poor in the affairs of life—teaching them how to help themselves, rather than helping them—encouraging them to labor, and assisting them to employments, in cultivating in their minds a spirit of self-reliance and of self-respect; a consciousness of an innate ability, to provide for their own wants, and a shame of mendicancy. This is a great work—the true missionary work—not only removing the causes of sin, but preparing the minds of the poor, for the reception of the Gospel of Christ. It can be best done by conscientious and judicious Christian women, imbued with the spirit of their Master, who are to be found in almost every Christian congregation in the land. Having thus endeavored to point out the evils arising from indiscriminate alms-giving, and attempted to show from the light of experience “the better way,” it remains for us only to state, in conclusion, what will be the probable needs of the society for the coming year. During the inclement months of December, January, February and March, the visitors should have at least one thousand dollars per month for special distribution to the sick and suffering, which is less than ten dollars for each visitor per month, a very small sum, as many of the districts contain

large numbers of the poor. During the other months, five hundred dollars per month would suffice ; making a total of cash for distribution, by one hundred visitors for the year, eight thousand dollars. There should also be provided at least sixteen hundred tons of coal ; which, at the cost of five dollars per ton, delivered in quarters to the poor, would amount to *eight thousand dollars more*. A like sum of *eight thousand* for provisions, clothing, bedding and medicine, would aggregate *twenty-four thousand dollars* for the year. This sum is respectfully asked for, from the charitable public of Philadelphia, for the relief of the otherwise unprovided for poor of the city.

Contributions will be received by the treasurer of the association. *E. R. Wood, Esq.*, 404 Chestnut street, or, by *Dr. Geo. F. M. McCallmont*, agent, N. W. cor. Seventh and Sansom streets.

A contribution of \$100 at one time, constitutes the subscriber a life member ; \$5 entitles him to membership while he subscribes.

Legacies are earnestly solicited to constitute a permanent fund in aid of the deserving poor of Philadelphia, in all time to come.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Committee.

L. MONTGOMERY BOND,

Chairman.

REPORT

OF THE

Ladies' Branch of the Union Benevolent Association

FOR THE YEAR 1872-73.

FIRST DISTRICT.

Market to Vine street, Delaware river to Sixth street.

Seven sections only in District First reported, the remaining sections being destitute of visitors.

Summary of report as follows :

65 families under visiting care ; 278 visits paid, and relief to all the families under care ; 35 tons of coal given ; 2 cords of wood to sick cases ; 3 stoves loaned ; large packages of part worn garments and number of new articles of clothing given ; garments from Dorcas Society of First Baptist Church and St. Paul's P. E. Church ; donation of dry goods from a gentleman, through Mrs. D. W. O'Brien, a very active lady visitor ; large packages of delicacies for sick, also donated from P. Charity ; also reported a very interesting case of worthy family that visitor was enabled through her exertions to place in very comfortable circumstances, of which said family express much gratefulness.

HANNAH S. LEVERING,

1423 *Vine street.**May 8, 1873.*

SECOND, THIRD, SIXTH AND EIGHTH DISTRICTS.

Market to South street, Delaware river to Twelfth street, and from Market street to Spruce street, Twelfth to Seventeenth street.

Half-Annual Report of Second, Third, Sixth and Eighth Districts, from May, 1872, to April, 1873 :

Families reported under care, 939 ; visits made, 1,492 ; sick, 264 ; deaths, 12 ; Union Benevolent money received, \$575.00 ; money from private sources, \$145.87 ; from Sanitary Commission, \$29.00 ; through E. P. S. Jones, \$5.00 ; coal from Union Benevolent Association, 116 $\frac{3}{4}$ tons ; city coal, 12 orders ; wood, 1 ; Girard fuel, 15 orders ; Spring Garden, 1 ; from St. Peter's Church, 1 ton ; private charity, 4 tons ; stoves loaned, 3.

From First Presbyterian Church Dorcas, 19 garments and 17 yards calico ; St. John's Lutheran Church Dorcas, 10 yards flannel ; Dr. Seiss' Church Dorcas, 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards calico, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards muslin, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards Canton flannel.

From private charity, 296 partly worn garments and 9 pairs partly worn shoes, two good suits of clothes, 7 pairs boots and shoes, one pair pants, 4 shirts, 8 pairs stockings, 2 wrappers ; 3 dresses and sack, 3 flannel skirts, 3 aprons, several yards of flannel, 2 comfortables, 2 new blankets and 2 bed quilts, carpets, oil-cloth, window-shades, and bed ; preserves, fruit and bread, books, toys, 13 dolls, 20 pounds candy, 5 pounds coffee, 7 pounds tea, 12 pounds sugar, 1 pound rice, 1 pound crackers, 4 turkeys and 6 chickens for Christmas, one Testament from Friends' Bible Association, also printed hymns distributed ; Employment found for 4 women..

We extract the following from the report of one of our visitors. "An honorably discharged soldier,

suffering with asthma, shortly after he left the army fell from the platform of a passenger car, was run over, and obliged to have his right arm amputated. Had he lost it in the defence of his country, he would have been entitled to a pension, but losing it as he did, without money, and but few friends, he has had a struggling time to obtain a living. His wife is nearly blind, and has before her the sad prospect of total loss of sight. He has the situation of watchman in a market, by which he earns a few dollars a week, and during the last winter, from nine o'clock at night until five in the morning, he was faithful at his post, although the greater part of the time the weather was the severest that has been experienced for many years. With the assistance of a gentleman friend, the visitor was enabled to procure him warm clothing, thus sheltering him, in a measure, from the severity of the weather. He is sober, industrious, honest and intelligent. The case is a peculiarly hard one, as his wife is heir to a large sum of money in England, but for want of friends, and funds, she will probably die without obtaining it. If any one should desire to know more about the case, the visitor is prepared to give all necessary information."

Fourth month 2, 1873.

M. JONES,
Secretary.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Market to Vine, Sixth street to Twelfth street.

We are glad to state that our visitors continue unchanged, and all applications have been attended to.

Number of visits, 370; orders for coal from the Union Benevolent Association, 80 quarter-tons; from city fund, 82 half-tons, and a half cord of wood; from a private source, 4 half-tons; \$85 were received from the Union Benevolent Association, and principally expended for groceries, provisions and clothing.

Distributed from private charity, \$37; also a number of baskets of provisions, old clothing, and bedding; 4 stoves loaned.

A visitor who has had charge of work from the Provident Society has paid out \$117 in this district, beside \$100 in other districts.

The same lady mentions the death of an aged and interesting colored woman, who had been for about ten years a resident of her section, and who, after a life of many and strange vicissitudes, was, on the 17th of September, released from the burden of a long and weary pilgrimage. Margaret Amos was the granddaughter of the King and Queen of Guinea, who had been brought to this country and sold into slavery. Her mother was manumitted for services rendered during the Revolutionary War, but Margaret, though born free, was sold and resold in Virginia, where she remained many years, until some friends passing that way learned her history, had her case investigated, and her freedom proved. She was

a woman of great force of character and independence, and after having paid by her *work* for the expenses incurred in maintaining her rights, she came to this city where she supported herself respectably as long as she was able. She was a bright and intelligent Christian, and gladly rested all her cares for time and eternity upon Him who had loved her.

Through the summer her strength was manifestly failing, and she passed away very quietly and peacefully, to be, we doubt not, at rest forever with the Lord.

Her age is thought to have been 115 years.

One of our visitors having been elected, during the summer, a member of the Free Excursion Committee, and devoting her energies to the work, attended ten of the excursions, and distributed over 600 tickets to the poor of the city. She first visited all the children in her own section, most of whom accompanied by their mothers, availed themselves of the opportunity, never before enjoyed, of spending a day among the green fields and in the fresh air of the country. She afterwards extended her visits to other lanes and courts of the city.

The number who attended was very large, and it was gratifying to her to observe how all strove to make a tidy appearance, and how thoroughly they seemed to enjoy the recreation. Being on duty at one of the booths, she gave out three meals each day, to over 200 women and children, who were orderly in their behavior, and many of whom expressed their thanks for the pleasure of the day. The visitor felt quite rewarded for the fatigue of the undertaking by the benefit which appeared to result,

particularly in the case of sick infants, in many of whom a great change for the better was noticeable after even one day's excursion.

BEULAH COATES,
Secretary.

FIFTH AND NINTH DISTRICTS.

Market to Spruce, Sixth to Twelfth street, and Spruce to South, Twelfth to Seventeenth street.

207 families under care ; 683 visits made ; 56 sick in charge ; 9 deaths reported ; 7 stoves loaned ; 283 tracts distributed ; 3 Testaments and 1 Bible given from the Ladies' Bible Society of Philadelphia ; 8 soup tickets given ; 2 garments from Dorcas of First Presbyterian Church ; 4 garments, Mrs. Shober's Dorcas ; 1 comfortable, through Mrs. Jones ; a comfortable rocking-chair given to an aged sick woman from private charity ; also from private charity, 180 garments half worn, 3 pairs shoes, 1 comfortable, potatoes, rice, crackers, jelly, ice cream, oranges, corn starch, beef essence, nutritina, 2 pounds of tea, 1 bottle port wine, 1 of Holland gin, 1 of brandy, for sick persons ; 20 orders for City Trust coal given ; 22 orders for Girard wood ; 3 orders for city wood ; 252 orders for Union Benevolent Association coal ; 8 half-tons Grandom coal purchased ; 4 cards of the Fuel Savings Society given to applicants, who will deposit through the summer months ; 7 women received the benefit of Provident work ; \$3.50 given from Sanitary Commission ; \$19.24 given from private charity ; \$152.84 from Union Benevolent Association funds.

Our ever faithful visitors while meeting with much to discourage, yet report an improved condition of some of the sections, esteeming it a privilege to minister to the physical wants of the numerous families under their care, endeavor earnestly at the same time to elevate the moral condition of the poor, and care

for the spiritual need of the sick and suffering, who would perhaps never otherwise come under any religious influence.

A visitor records the death of an aged Christian woman of the old Scotch Covenantic stock, whom she had visited and aided at times for a number of years, she says,

“I have lost a Christian friend in the demise of this truly good woman, in whose companionship I was myself helped and made better.”

Another visitor reports the grateful acknowledgments of a man who had been under her constant care for five years, in consequence of a serious accident which incapacitated him from providing for himself, and a large family of little children, he is now able to do light work, and declines to receive further aid, saying, “Give it to those who need it more than I do now, I shall soon be quite able to provide for my family.” Such are some of the encouraging features of our work, which give promise of good still to be realized.

REBECCA M. GOBRECHT,

May 1, 1873.

Secretary.

SEVENTH AND TENTH DISTRICTS.

Market to Vine, Twelfth to Schuylkill river.

Families under care, 381; visits made, 604; number of sick, 68; number of deaths, 9; Union Benevolent coal orders, 315 (78¾ tons); stoves loaned, 2; Union Benevolent funds received and expended, \$270.00; from private charity, \$148.31, and 20 new dresses, 14 pairs shoes, 11 pairs sheets, 17 pillow cases, 2 flannel skirts, 3 shirts, 81 partly worn garments, 1 mattress, 2 comforta-

bles, 8 pairs stockings, 4 aprons, 4 flannel jackets, 1 sack, 2 suits of men's clothing, a wrapper, 1 pair blankets, 5 pairs drawers, flannel, 3 cloth coats, 2 merino vests, 1 bed, 1 table, 50 cents' worth of kindling wood, 1 bed spread, \$7.00 worth of sewing obtained for a poor woman; medicines, fruits, and delicacies for sick; children placed in Sunday school; tracts and books distributed; \$25.00 received through Mrs. Hinkle, and \$30.00 through Miss S. Shaw; employment obtained for 12 persons; \$2.00 obtained from Guardians of poor; also 1 pair boots, 3 tons of coal, 21 new garments, 1 pair shoes, 1 ton of coal from Friends' Association.

From the Dorcas Society of the Arch street Presbyterian Church, 12 new garments, Grandom coal, 3 tons; Girard coal, 8½ tons; Girard wood, 1 cord; two physicians obtained for the sick.

A visitor reports finding a family—the husband very ill (having been run over by the cars),—with four small children, the youngest a month old, they were without food and suffering extremely from the cold; they were very materially assisted by the Union Benevolent Association through the visitor.

Another of a family, where the husband had been dismissed from the Navy Yard; and a feeble wife was struggling with poverty and want, with three small children to support.

During the past winter so remarkable for its length and severity, the demand upon our visitors has been unusually great. But they have been unwearied in their exertions to relieve the wants of the destitute in their several districts. Their reports show how well they have used the limited means at their disposal, in the prevention of suffering among those deserving the aid of the Association.

MRS. JOHN VAN KIRK,
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Secretary.

ELEVENTH AND TWELFTH DISTRICTS.

Market to South street, Seventeenth street to Schuylkill river.

Annual Report of the Eleventh and Twelfth Districts, from April 1st, 1872 to April 1st, 1873.

Visits made, 1204 ; families relieved, 736 ; coal orders distributed, 390 (97½ tons), stoves loaned, 16 ; Union Benevolent money expended, \$444.29 ; from private charity, \$150.77, 425 garments, 21 pairs of boots, 23 pairs of shoes, chickens, oranges, lemons, and jelly for the sick, ¾ cords of wood given, 6½ tons of Girard coal, 12 tons of Grandom coal, 16 tons of city coal.

From Holy Trinity Church, 2½ tons, and from its Dorcas, 2 pairs boots ; from Guardians of Poor, \$300 and 11 tons of coal ; employment given to several ; 23 excursion tickets given to families having sick children ; \$5 from Mrs. Jones, in a special case ; 3 men sent to the Home for Inebriates.

From Provident Society, 60 pairs of drawers given to women to make ; from Bethany Aid Society, \$13.00 and 16 garments ; from Northwest Union Aid Society, \$3.00 and 24 garments ; 15 soup tickets given ; from Nurses' Home, 1 physician and nurse ; two dispensary physicians employed ; from Dorcas of Rev. Mr. Chambers' Church, 4 drawers, 10 undergarments, and 8 pairs of shoes ; from Dorcas of St. Patrick's Church, \$2.00 and 2 garments ; 11 children sent to Sunday school ; 36 Bibles, 12 Testaments, 1 Prayer Book, and 1258 tracts distributed, also 20 copies of Presbyterian, and 10 copies of Sunday School Times ; 143 cases of sickness and 58 deaths.

Sewing procured for a poor widow with four little children depending on her exertions for sustenance. She goes out during the day to wash—and carries her infant three months old with her, and at night weary

and tired, she is busily engaged sewing, which enables her to keep starvation from her door, she is always cheerful, patient, and trusts in God.

A visitor says she gave relief to several families of a better class than those who generally apply for aid, the inclemency of the weather and the great scarcity of work caused many to apply, who had hitherto depended entirely on their own resources.

A visitor obtained a situation for a woman, to assist in preparing vegetables in the kitchen of a hotel, she returns to her family in the evening, and toils until near midnight, making drawers at six cents a pair.

A poor woman was left a widow with four little children, her furniture consisted of one chair, a bench, and a straw bed on the floor, having been obliged to sell a piece of furniture every little while, to procure bread for her family, until she was left destitute of everything. Visitor assisted her with her rent, and also funeral expenses of a child. She is now living in the neighborhood of Hestonville, near a sister in more comfortable circumstances; who keeps the children while she goes to wash, she is very grateful for the aid received from the Union Benevolent Society, said it kept her and her little ones from starving during the time of her greatest trouble.

O. S. MORRIS,
Secretary.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT.

Delaware river to Sixth street, and South to Morris street.

Number of visits, 704; money received from Union Benevolent Association, \$405.00; from private sources, \$69.50; number of sick, 173; deaths reported, 16; Union Benevolent coal distributed, 90 tons; stoves loaned, 6; Soup tickets given, 13.

From St. Peter's Church, 17 garments; from Trinity Church, 6 suits of clothes, 14 yards of calico, and 15 yards of muslin; from St. Paul's Dorcas, 5 garments; from various other sources 194, making in all, new and partly worn, 221; 4 pairs shoes, 5 pairs stockings, 2 overcoats, 17 yards flannel, 1 bed-spread and comfortable; from Guardians of the Poor, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton coal; 3 orders for groceries; 13 soup tickets distributed; aid for 8 women from Nurses' Charity; employment obtained for 12 women and men; 1 little girl placed in Burd Asylum; a home found for another; 8 children sent to Sabbath school; entrance obtained for a man in "Franklin Home for Inebriates;" from P. E. City Mission, 10 grocery orders, 13 coal orders, 24 garments, 8 pairs shoes, and \$4.50.

Through Mrs. Jones, \$10 to assist in paying for a sewing machine for a poor woman; from private sources, $3\frac{1}{2}$ pounds tea, 5 pounds coffee, 7 pounds sugar, 6 pounds soap, 15 pounds meal, 12 pounds rice, 2 gallons salt, 12 loaves bread, 22 packages medicine, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal and a rocking chair.

A visitor who has had charge of her section for many years, says, I take pleasure in noting a few of the interesting cases that have come under my notice. "First, a woman whose family consisted of seven persons—all dependent upon her, no work, no coal, no food, no clothes. I supplied them with all, the children were sent to and kept at school; her husband and one son were dying, I collected for and attended

to their burial. The mother lingered for two years, and died of consumption ; attending her in her last illness was one of my pleasures, for religion was her comfort and stay. I purchased the burial lot, and had the father and mother laid with the son. The oldest son being now in a good situation, intends buying the lot. Another son expects to graduate for a teacher, the other two are well fixed in good situations."

Another case is that of a Mrs. M. who went from here with her husband, to Wisconsin. She returned with her children, leaving her drunken husband. She came under my notice, says the visitor, through the death of her child, and was very destitute. I succeeded in procuring them necessaries, then situations, and tried to lead them to their true friend, whom they found ; and they are now consistent members of Church and Sabbath school, and their condition of life is so much better, that to a few only is known their sad story.

A third case is recorded thus. " I found Mrs. F. very destitute and depressed, without friends, her husband morose, rude, irritable and selfish. I gave her work and continued so doing, until her husband, melted by kindness, changed his behavior to her ; now, three of her boys, her husband and self are members of church. Two other children are in Sabbath school—and through the aid rendered by our Society are all happy, industrious members of Society."

One visitor has charge of a woman 106 years old. She is dependent on a daughter 60 years old, who washes for her own support and needs help herself.

The old mother—in addition to her weight of over a hundred years—has a cancer on her foot, and is deaf.

She is grateful for the smallest favor, many more cases could be mentioned, but these recorded are of long standing, and remain as proofs of the good done by the Union Benevolent Association.

M. A. T.
Secretary.

FOURTEENTH DISTRICT.

South to Morris, and Sixth to Schuylkill river.

886 families under care ; 147 sick ; 12 deaths ; 6 stoves loaned : 1057 visits made ; Union Benevolent funds received and distributed, \$410.00 ; coal from Union Benevolent, 80 tons ; from city fuel, 10 tons.

From Nurses' Home for nursing and nourishment, \$2.44 ; also 24 garments from the infants' wardrobe ; Provident work to the amount of \$75 ; an old couple supplied with rags to make carpet-balls, sold at 9 cents a pound ; from private charity, \$134 and 30 garments, 6 pairs shoes, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton coal, delicacies for the sick ; from Ladies Aid of the Bethany Church, \$2.30, 25 garments, 6 caps 6 suits for boys, 4 persons persuaded to attend Church and Bible Class, 2 to sign the pledge, \$5.00 received from Sanitary Commission ; 2 comfortables from Union Benevolent Association ; 2 Bibles and a number of tracts,

Many cases of destitution have come before our visitors this winter.

A visitor was called to see a family who had been in better circumstances. The husband had become insane, and, through the kindness of a physician, was placed in the hospital, leaving the mother with five small children to support. A sewing machine was

bought for her, and now she is getting on more comfortably. The woman returns her grateful thanks to the visitor and this Society for the aid rendered.

Intemperance is the cause of much misery and distress. The visitors have witnessed many sad scenes from this growing evil. But there are some green spots to cheer us. Two families have become self-sustaining, and many others have been persuaded to take the pledge and attend church; wines and other delicacies given to the sick; also the consolation of the Gospel to the sick and dying. Our duties are arduous, yet the privilege of distributing bread to the hungry and clothing the destitute, is sufficient reward; and we can truly rejoice with those who do rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

E. S. COOPER,
Secretary.

FIFTEENTH DISTRICT.

*Sixth street to Schuylkill river, and Vine street to
Girard avenue.*

Number of families under care, 405; number of visits paid, 1320; number of sick, 160; number of deaths, 25; Union Benevolent funds distributed, \$555; private funds distributed, \$423.25, of which \$200 were given by George W. Childs, and \$100 by Miss Horstman, through a member of St. John's Lutheran Church; also 106 yards muslin, 164 yards flannel, 199 yards of calico, 38 pairs of new shoes, 55 pairs new stockings, 4 dresses, 2 merino vests, 2 hoods, 5 comfortables, 1 pair blankets, 4 coats, 8 pair pants, 10 wrappers, 150 garments partly worn.

From Dorcas of St. John's Lutheran Church, 24 yards of calico and flannel, 4 baskets of provisions, 2 hams, potatoes and soup, custard, jellies, and tea for the sick; from the Union

Benevolent Association, 137 tons coal ; Spring Garden coal, 14½ tons ; from Friends' Fuel Association, 2½ tons ; Girard coal, ½ ton ; from Home Mission, 4 orders for groceries ; 12 persons aided by Guardians ; employment obtained for 3 persons ; 17 soup orders given ; 1 person taken to Almshouse.

A visitor reports during the winter four deaths of persons from seventy-five to ninety-five years of age. The most aged was a faithful and consistent member of the Covenantors. She became both deaf and blind some years ago, and patiently waited to be called. She had many kind friends, who contributed very often to her comfort.

Our visitors, it will be seen by the statistics, have been busy during the winter. One of them called in a house where the husband was sick with ague ; the wife in bed with an infant a few days old, without stove or fire, although in mid-winter, she immediately procured both ; the family are from Omaha, and had been in the city but a few weeks ; the visitor solicited food, bed clothing, infant's clothing, and soon had them comfortable ; after the mother recovered, work was procured for her from the Union Benevolent store ; the husband is now well, and they are getting along nicely.

A sad case is reported in this district of an English family consisting of parents and two little girls. The mother is one of the most afflicted persons to be met with ; she took a heavy cold coming here, in consequence of which the physician removed her palate, depriving her of articulation, she is deaf and has to take all her food in a liquid form. She is a devoted Christian, and her children are well trained ; one lady employs a physician for her ; another prepares almost

all the food she eats. She has found many kind friends, through the influence of visitor. She is anxious about her children—to have the little ones under Christian influence when she is gone. God grant that kind friends may be found to care for them.

One year ago this winter, this district met with a great loss in Miss Addie Gorton, for a long time secretary, and a most faithful visitor. She was taken from us by that most fearful scourge, the small-pox ; in consequence of the sickness of the secretary, no mention of her death was made in last report, but even at this late period, it is fitting that a tribute should be paid to her memory. She died at her post, for it was in visiting her charges that she caught the infection. Ever faithful in the discharge of her duties, her loss is deeply felt by this Society. Her end was peace.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY R. BUCKMANN,

Secretary.

SIXTEENTH DISTRICT.

*Delaware river to Sixth street, Vine street to Girard
avenue.*

Number of families assisted, 396 ; number of visits made, 858 ; number of sick, 97 ; employment obtained for 25 ; from the funds of Union Benevolent Association received \$185, 67 tons of coal.

Aid from Home Mission, 2 tons of coal ; from Guardians of the Poor, 1½ cords of wood ; from Grandom Estate, 5 tons of coal ; from Spring Garden fund, 9 tons of coal ; from Sanitary Commission for soldiers' families, \$40 ; from the Dorcas Society of Second Reformed Church, 232 yards muslin, 107 yards flannel, 304 yards poplin, 16 yards cloth, 43 new garments, 9 pairs of new

shoes, 11 new hats; from the Dorcas Society of the Union M. E. Church, muslin amounting to \$45; Bibles given, 7; religious books, 38; tracts, 610; children placed in Sabbath school, 14; from private charity, \$512.80 in money, also 369 partly worn, and 3 new pairs of shoes, 2 comfortables, 4 bushels of potatoes, 78 pounds tea, 45 pounds flour, 1 pound coffee, 5 pounds sugar, 40 pounds candies, 40 mince pies and 2 bushels of apples for Christmas gifts, besides grapes, oranges, wine, jelly, and oyster, for the sick.

A visitor reports the case of a poor widow in her seventy-eighth year, whom she found in abject poverty. Living in an old shed merely enclosed with ordinary boards, through which the rain beat, notwithstanding she had filled it in with rags, she was truly a pitiable object. She told us that she has two daughters who are married, one of whom lives in the West, and has not seen her for many years. The other has a brutal wicked husband, who will not allow his wife to do anything for, or even to visit her aged mother. It is sad to heart his poor old mother sob out this tale of suffering. She is an earnest Christian, a member of the Lutheran church. She sews carpet rags for weavers, and by living on one meal a day, she makes enough to pay \$3 a month for the miserable tenement she inhabits. The neighbors, although very poor, have great respect and sympathy for her, and often share their scanty meals with her.

They told us they heard her praying in the middle of the night to her dear Saviour to send her help for her rent, as the landlord had threatened to turn her into the street that day. We gave her the amount needed, and made her more comfortable in other respects. We left her pouring upon us her heartfelt

thanks, and declaring it was the dear Saviour who had sent us.

Another visitor speaks of relieving a poor woman deserted by her husband, whom she found making shirts with six button holes, at four cents a shirt. Very many such instances are given in most of the monthly reports, showing the extent and character of the great work accomplished by our visitors in such a way as figures cannot.

JULIA K. HINKEL.

REPORT
OF THE
SECRETARY OF THE LADIES' BOARD.

Our visitors in their work of mercy and Christian love, try to bring in to it, the co-operation of their friends, as well as the various other charities, as sometimes the means from the Society prove too slender for the many cases.

One friend of a visitor gave money for tea and delicacies for aged women ; another paid a poor woman's rent ; another wishing to aid the poor, bought material sufficient to make one hundred garments, and gave them to needy persons to make up, for which she paid a good price, and the visitor distributed these articles at different times, as they were needed ; from some ladies in the Mint, three large bundles of chintz and woollen pieces for an old woman's patch work ; also \$3 worth of groceries from the same, to make her Thanksgiving day happier ; a room procured and the rent paid by three ladies, for an aged woman, whose loneliness, destitution and infirmities, render her very dependent ; also two large bags of carpet rags, to enable her, at her earnest desire, to do something for herself.

Respectfully submitted,

O. S. MORRIS,
Secretary of the Ladies' Board.

Report of Receipts from the Treasurer of Union Benevolent Society, from May, 1872, to May, 1873, by Ladies' Branch.

1872.

June 6th,	\$500 00
November 1st,	400 00
December,	500 00

1873. .

January,	600 00
February,	600 00
March,	600 00
April,	400 00
May,	300 00
Balance as last reported,	7 22

\$3,907,22

Appropriated as follows :

To District No. 1,	\$260 00
To Districts Nos. 2, 3, 6, 8,	625 00
To District No. 4,	125 00
To Districts Nos. 5, 9,	160 00
To Districts Nos. 7, 10,	280 00
To Districts Nos. 11, 12,	545 00
To District No. 13,	445 00
To District No. 14,	495 00
To District No. 15,	505 00
To District No. 16,	245 00
To sixteen special cases,	172 65
Balance,	49 57

\$3,907 22

*Annual Report of Store Committee, for the year ending
May 1st, 1873.*

By sales from store,	\$1,204 02
By work done for customers,	4,636 84
Balance from last year,	41 50

\$5,882 36

To sewing women, paid,	\$3,256 52
To store bills, paid,	1,415 64
To employees, paid,	1,194 27
Balance in Treasury,	15 93

\$5,882 36

Number of women employed weekly, . .	25 to 50
Number of garments cut and made, . .	4,559

May 1st, 1873.

REPORT
OF THE
MALE VISITOR.

PHILADELPHIA, *May 20, 1873.*

To the Board of Managers of the
Union Benevolent Association :

GENTLEMEN :—The following report of the operations of your male visitor for the past year, from May 20th, 1872, to May 20, 1873, is respectfully submitted, as follows : Avoiding as heretofore, those localities where poverty and want are the results of vicious habits, and where the bestowal of charity would be but encouragement to vice, without any hope of beneficial results, and having at all times more claims by the poor of undoubted worth than can be adequately relieved from the scanty funds at our disposal, I have confined my operations, so far as practicable, to such cases as were the most urgent, such as the sick and infirm, the widow and the orphans, and the worthy poor generally.

During the past year, the number visited made 2,009 families ; 1,265 were relieved ; 100 sick ; and 20 deaths. There was of the Union Benevolent Association's coal distributed, $166\frac{3}{4}$ tons ; of the Girard coal, $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons. Groceries expended, \$308.50. There was 35 stoves loaned. I received a number of part

worn garments, and distributed them to deserving men; also 5 boxes of Nutrina. A special donation from a gentleman, \$10 for a sick soldier, faithfully distributed and thankfully received.

Hoping that my labors and mode of operation may prove satisfactory,

I am respectfully yours,

FRANCIS MATCHETT,

Male Visitor of U. B. A.

*E. R. Wood, Treasurer, in Account with the Union
Benevolent Association, for the year ending
May 20th, 1873.*

Receipts.

To balance on hand May 20th, 1872,	\$2,245 08
To donations received through collectors,	4,266 00
" " by Treasurer,	2,920 00
" " by Agent,	1,448 00
To net receipts from real estate,	1,835 58
To freight returned by Phil'a. and Reading R. R. Co.,	753 28
To sale of Penna. R. R. 6 per cent. mortgage bonds,	925 00
To interest on investments,	102 00
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	\$14,494 94
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Expenditures.

By payment to Committee of Conference,	\$3,900 00
" " on fuel and stoves,	5,734 80
" " on building and work,	756 05
" " on publication,	426 00
" for groceries,	285 00
" for repairs to office and building,	302 66
" to commission to collectors,	348 20
" salary of Agent,	999 96
" " Male visitor,	460 00
" cash relief from office,	45 75
By balance of cash on hand this date,	1,235 60
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	\$14,494 94
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SUMMARY.

Of Receipts and Expenditures of the Union Benevolent Association, including the Ladies' Branch, from May 20th, 1872, to May 20th, 1873.

Receipts.

Total receipts as per Treasurer's report for the year,	\$14,494 94
Cash received by the lady visitors from private sources and co-operative associations,	1,806 24
Total receipts as per report of store committee, . . .	5,882 36
Estimated value of a very large amount of various articles and materials received from private sources and Dorcas societies specified in the reports of the ladies' branch; Comprising beds, bedding, household furniture, hats, bonnets, flannels, muslins, cloths and many new and full suits of clothing for children, and a large number of garments for men and women, such as dresses, stockings, overcoats, coats, pantaloons, vests, shoes, &c., also a large amount of provisions, groceries, medicines and necessities for the sick,	2,000 00
Donations for special cases,	135 00
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	\$24,318 54

Expenditures.

Amount disbursed as per Treasurer's report, . . .	\$13,259 34
Cash contributions received by lady visitors and distributed to the poor,	1,806 24
Expenditures as per store committee's report, . . .	5,866 43
Estimated amount of clothing, &c., as specified above, and distributed to the poor,	2,000 00
Special contributions given to the poor,	135 00
Balance in hands of the store agency,	15 93
Balance in hands of the Treasurer,	1,235 60
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	\$24,318 54

SOCIETIES

*Which, have kindly co-operated with our Association, to
which our thanks are respectfully tendered.*

Guardians of the Poor.
Sanitary Commission.
Hibernia Society.
St. Peter's Church.
St. Paul's Church.
Church of Ascension.
Dorcas Society of First Presbyterian Church.
St. John's Church.
Bethany Aid Society.
Friend's Sewing Society.
Logan Square Church.
Ladies' Aid Society.
Nurses' Charity for Poor Women.
Home Mission.
Dorcas Society, St. Paul's Church.
Union Aid Society.
Dorcas Society of Second Reformed Church.
Dorcas Society of M. E. Church.
Dorcas Society of the Buttonwood street Presbyterian Church.
Central Presbyterian Church.
Girard Fund.
Ladies' Circle of Central Congregational Church.
Matron of the House of Refuge.
Northwest Union Aid Society.
Dorcas Society of Rev. Mr. Chambers' Church.
Nurses' Charity Aid for Poor Women.
Friends' Northern Dorcas Society.
Dorcas Society of Grace Church.
Church of Epiphany.
Mrs. Shober's Dorcas Society.
Grandom Coal Association.
Friends' Fuel Association.

DONATIONS.

Allen, J. B.....	\$50	Belfield & Co.....	\$10
Atmore & Son.....	45	Benness, J.....	10
Allen, W. H. & G. W....	20	Biddle G. W.....	10
A Friend.....	15	Brook, Miller & Co.....	10
Allen, W. H. & S. W.....	10	Baldwin, Mrs M. W....	10
Agnew, D. Hays, M. D..	10	Biddle, J. S.....	10
Ashton.....	10	Biddle, T. A., & Co.....	10
Allen, Samuel.....	10	Budd, Mrs. Thomas A...	10
A Lady by letter, no name given.....	10	Baker, Elizabeth W.....	5
Agnew & English.....	5	Baker, Mary.....	5
Allburger, John, & Co...	5	Berens, Joseph, M. D....	5
Arnold, W., Jr.....	5	Burns & Smucker.....	5
A.....	5	Brown, Frederic.....	5
Atwood.....	5	B. B. & B.....	5
A Lady.....	5	Baker, Alfred G.....	5
		Brobst, A.....	5
Benson, Miss Rosalie.....	400	Childs, Geo. W.....	300
Benson, Miss Harriet S...	100	Coats, Benjamin.....	100
Brown, John A.....	100	Cope, Alfred.....	100
Biddle, Mrs. H. J.....	100	Cope Brothers.....	100
Brown, Miss Mary D....	100	Cash.....	100
Bohlen, John.....	100	Cash.....	55
Bohlen, Miss.....	50	Cash.....	50
Brown, Brothers & Co....	50	Coffin & Altemus.....	40
Baird, M. & Co.....	50	Cope, M. C.....	35
Blanchard, W. A.....	50	Coffin, Arthur G.....	30
Biddle, Clement.....	50	Cash.....	30
Bayard, James.....	50	Clyde, Thomas.....	25
Boulton, John.....	50	Clark, E. W., & Co.....	25
Brown, Alexander.....	50	Cooper, Miss Esther L...	25
Bettle, Wm.....	50	Collins, A. M.....	20
Bettle, Samuel.....	35	Cooper & Conrad.....	20
Bement, Wm. B., & Son..	25	Cash.....	20
Borie, C. & H.....	25	Creighton, E. H.....	20
Brown, T. W. & M., & Co.	20	Colhoun, Wm.....	20
Barcroft & Co.....	20	Cash, per letter, no name given.....	15
Brown, David S., & Co...	20	Colhoun, Miss Jane A....	10
Brown, Moses.....	20	Colhoun, Miss Mary M...	10
Brown, Catharine M.....	20	Conrad, J. H.....	10
Benson, G. S.....	20	Coats, S. & S.....	10
Baird, W. M.....	20	Cornelius, R.....	10
Bullock & Crenshaw.....	10	Cope, Edward, Jr.....	10
Bettle, Brother.....	10	Caldwell, J. E., & Co....	10
Bunting, Durburrow & Co.	10	Claghorn, J. S.....	10
Baker, Abraham.....	10		

Cope, C.....	\$10
Clayton, John.....	10
Collins, F.....	10
Cash.....	10
C. D.....	10
Cooke, B. J.....	5
Copper & Fry.....	5
Comly, S. J., & Co.....	5
Chalfant, Cox & Co.....	5
Comegys, B. B.....	5
Cash.....	5
Cash.....	5
Drexel & Co.....	100
Dullas, Joseph H.....	50
D. V.....	50
Damon, A. L.....	15
Dale, Ross & Co.....	10
Drown, W. A.....	10
Dutilh, C. M.....	10
Downing, R. H.....	5
Dallet, E.....	5
Denckla, C. Paul.....	5
Drayton, W. H.....	5
Emery, Titus S., in Nu- trina.....	26
Eberhart & Derby.....	50
Evans, Charles, M. D.....	25
Ellis, Charles, Son & Co..	15
Ellison, John B. & Son...	10
Elmslie, Mrs.....	10
Emerson, Doctor.....	10
E. K. M., Mrs.....	10
Frazer, P.....	100
Farnum, E. H.....	50
Fahnestock, Mrs. A. M...	25
Filley, H.....	10
Farrel, Herring & Co.....	10
Fenton, Thompson & Co.	10
Flanagan, S. & J. M.....	10
Fries, Phineas.....	10
Fairbanks & Ewing.....	5
Franciscus, A. H., & Co..	5
Fisher, Miss S. F.....	5
French, Miss.....	5
Ford, Samuel C.....	5
Gurney, Mrs. Eliza B....	20
Gorden, C. H., & Co....	10
Godey, L. A.....	20
Grant, C. H.....	10
Gest, J. B.....	10
Germantown.....	10

Garrigues, Mrs. H. A....	\$10
Garrett, Whitesides & Co.	5
Gans, Wilgus & Co.....	5
G.....	5
Harrison, Joseph.....	100
Hodge, Hugh L., M. D...	50
Hez.....	50
Hoopes & Townsend....	30
Hall, A. R.....	25
Horstman, Wm. J., Estate of.....	25
Horner, Mrs. E. W.....	25
Hood, Bonbright & Co...	20
Hare, Rev'd Dr.....	20
Heaton, A.....	10
Hutchinson, B. P.....	10
Horner, Mrs. Dr. C. W..	10
Huey, Samuel C.....	5
Howell & Brothers.....	5
Hibberd, Mrs. Mary.....	5
Hunt, U., & Sons.....	5
Hartshorne, Charles.....	5
Homer, Colloday & Co...	5
Horner, A.....	5
Hewitt, Mrs. E. M.....	5
Hoskins, Francis.....	5
Iungerich & Smith.....	10
J. L. B.....	60
James, Kent, Santee & Co.	30
Jones, Joseph.....	25
Jones, Mrs. Joseph.....	25
J. P. W.....	20
Jones, Samuel W.....	15
Jones, Jacob P.....	10
Johnson, Mary M.....	10
Jennison Mrs.....	8
Jennison, Miss M.....	5
Jamison, B. K. & Co....	5
Johnson, T. & J. W., & Co.	5
Jordan, Francis & Sons...	5
Justice, Bateman & Co...	5
Johnston, A.....	5
Johnston, Miss.....	5
King, Mrs. Francis.....	50
King & Baird.....	25
Kneedler, Patterson & Co.	10
Kilburn & Gates.....	10
Kisterbock, J.....	5
Kay, J. Alfred.....	5
Lea, H. C.....	50
Lewis, Francis W.....	50

Lardner, Mary P.	\$50
Lewis, J. T.	35
Leaming, J. Fisher.....	25
Lewis, S.	25
Lewis, Enoch.....	25
Landreth, D. & Son.....	10
Leonard, Scott & Co....	10
Lynch, J. D.	10
Lambert, Wm. H.	10
Lafourcade, M.	10
Livezey, J.	10
Laing, H. M.	5
Lafourcade, E., Town & Co.	5
Lippincott, J. B., & Co....	5
Lewis, Edwin M.	5
Lewis, Miss R. T.	5

Morris, Tasker & Co....	100
McKean, Borie & Co....	100
Magee, J. S., & Co.....	100
Morrison, A. M.	100
Morris, Wheeler & Co....	50
McIlvaine & Brother....	50
Morris, Henry & Caroline.	50
M. F. G.	50
Massey, Wm. & Co....	35
Miller, J. W.	30
McKellar, Smith & Jordan.	25
McAllister, J.	25
Morris, Geo. C.	25
Moore, James.	20
Milne, C. J.	20
Marshall, Sarah, & M. M. Johnson	20
Mason, James S., & Co....	15
Miller, Brother.	10
Magargee & Co.	10
Massey, Anna K.	10
Moore, Wm. H.	10
Megargee Brothers.....	10
Morris, Israel.	10
McKeone, VanHagen & Co.	10
Maule, H.	10
Morris, Joshua H.	10
Marshall, Sarah.	10
Maginnis, E. J.	5
Morgan, Young, Altemus & Co.	5
Morgan, J.	5

Norris, Miss H. F.	25
Neal, Daniel M. D.	20
Norris, Richard, & Son...	10

Norris, G. W.	\$10
Norris, J.	10
Phila. & Reading R. R. Co.	753 46
Pepper, Geo. S.	100
Page, S. Davis.....	50
Price, E. K.	25
Purves, Wm.	20
Perkins, A. R.	10
Parrish, Dillwyn.	10
Pettit, N. B.	10
Paul, Miss, & Mrs. Wil- son.	10
Peterson, P. S., Jr.	5
Pepper, F. S.	5

Ryers, R. W.	100
Rhoads, Beulah M.	50
Robinett, J. Percy.....	25
Richardson, Richard.....	25
Rapson, Geo. H.	20
Robinson, Moncure.....	20
Roberts, Solomon W....	20
Remak, G.	20
Rhoads, Charles.	15
Ridgway, Thomas.....	10
Reed, Wm. J.	10
Randolph, Samuel.....	10
Rhoads, Deborah.	5
Reeves & Parvin.	5
Riegel, Jacob, & Co.	5
Rockhill & Wilson.	5
Rockhill, John O.	5
Russell, G. Wilbur.....	5
Rogers, H. P.	5
Randolph, Mr.	5
Rosengarten, J. G.	5

Savage, S. C.	100
Swift, Joseph.	100
Sellers, Wm., & Co.	50
Stevenson, Executors of...	50
Seybert, Henry.	50
Shannon, E., & Son.....	50
Saul, Rev. John.	25
Sower, Charles G.	25
Starr, Isaac.	25
Stewardson, Ann.	20
Spencer, Charles.	20
Smith, Mrs. J. C.	20
Smith, J. C.	20
Stokes, Caldwell & Co....	20
Scott, Mrs.	20
Sharpless & Sons.	10
Scully, David.	10

Stoddard, C., & Brothers..	\$10	Vaux, J. Waln.....	\$10
S.....	10	V. A. S.....	5
Smyth, Mrs. Samuel.....	10	VanPelt, Rev. Dr.....	5
S. W. B.....	10		
Smith, Walter.....	5	W. A. P.....	600
Smith, Rebecca W.....	5	Westcott & Thompson...	100
Scull, Edward L.....	5	Welsh, S. & W.....	100
Strawbridge & Clothier...	5	Wood, Dr. Geo. B.....	100
Shumway, A. A.....	5	Wood, Mrs. R. D.....	100
Spear, J.....	5	Willing, R. F.....	50
Scull, David Jr.....	5	Waln, Miss Sally M.....	30
Smith, D. Jr.....	5	Wood, Morrell & Co.....	25
Scott, Mrs. J. M.....	5	Willing, Mrs. Edward S...	25
Scott, Miss.....	5	Waln, Miss Annie.....	25
Small, R. H.....	5	Waln, Miss Ellen.....	20
Starr, James.....	5	Williams, R. H.....	20
Smith, Wm. B.....	5	Wheeler, Charles.....	20
Smith, Mrs. Wm. B.....	5	Waln, P. S.....	20
Simon, James K.....	5	Whiteman, John.....	20
S. W. R.....	5	Whelen, Edward S.....	20
		White, Ambrose.....	15
Tatham, Bros. & Co.....	30	Whitall, Tatum & Co....	15
Taylor, Charles	25	Weston, E.....	10
Tredick, B. T.....	20	Wood, Robert, & Co.....	10
Townsend, J. B.....	10	Watson, Thomas.....	10
Thackara, S. W.....	10	White, S. S.....	10
T. S.....	10	Wood, R. F.....	10
T. C. H.....	8	White, John J.....	10
Taylor, Gillespie & Co...	5	Wilson, Wm.....	10
Toland, Mrs.....	5	Wilson, Mrs. Wm.....	5
		Wright, Brothers & Co....	5
Under five dollars.....	15	Williams, D., & Sons....	5
Vaux, George.....	25	White, J. R.....	5
Vaux, Wm. S.....	20		
VanPelt, Mrs. Dr. Joseph..	12	Yarnall, Ellis.....	10

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AMENDED CONSTITUTION
OF THE
UNION BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

Whereas, in all populous communities, and especially in large cities, the evils of pauperism are found to press heavily, both on the poor by privation, and on the rich by taxation ; and since experience shows that the comfort and well being of every individual in society are liable to interruption by the disorderly conduct and crimes which too often accompany poverty ; and *whereas*, it is a duty, admitted to be binding upon all persons, to aid in alleviating, and still more in preventing the misfortunes and sufferings of their fellow-citizens ; we, the undersigned, after due deliberation on the subject, do hereby agree to the following charter, as the means by which actual distress will be the best mitigated and removed, pauperism and its concomitant ills prevented, and employment, and instruction provided for the indigent and needy, compatibly with justice to all classes, and the best interests of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called “ The Union Benevolent Association,” and, by that name, shall have per-

petual succession, with power to have a common seal, and to change the same at pleasure, to make contracts relative to the objects of the institution, to sue and be sued, and by that name and title be capable, in law, of taking, holding, improving, mortgaging, and conveying any estate, real or personal, stocks, bonds, mortgages, and other securities, the net annual income of which shall not exceed five thousand dollars, to be appropriated to no other objects than those expressed in this charter.

ARTICLE II.

Every citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who shall pay into the hands of the treasurer the sum of one hundred dollars, and be elected by the Board, shall be a member for life; and every such citizen who shall pay annually into the hands of the treasurer the sum of five dollars, and be elected by the Board, shall be a member while he contributes.

ARTICLE III.

The Association shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of May of each year, eleven members forming a quorum, and special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President, or, in case of his absence, by one of the Vice Presidents, at the request in writing of ten members.

The affairs of the said Association shall be conducted by the Executive Board, seven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business, and who shall meet at least once in each month.

ARTICLE IV.

The members of the Association, who have been members thereof at least three months prior to the election, shall at the annual meeting elect, by ballot, twenty-four managers, to constitute the Executive Board, in the following manner, viz. : At the first election after this amendment shall have been granted, they shall elect eight managers to serve for one year ; eight to serve for two years, and eight to serve for three years ; and at each annual election thereafter, they shall elect eight managers to serve for three years, and until their successors shall enter upon their duties.

At their first meeting after their election, or as soon thereafter as possible, the said managers shall choose from their own number, a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Solicitor, who shall be the officers of the Association, and shall serve for one year, and until their successors shall have been elected.

Any manager or officer who shall absent himself from the meetings of the Board for three consecutive months, between the first of October and the first of May, without good cause, and without the leave of the Board, may be considered as having resigned, and the vacancy shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE V.

The President, or, in case of his absence, the senior Vice President present, shall preside at the meetings

of the Association and Executive Board, and subscribe their official acts. In case of the absence of the President and Vice Presidents, a President *pro tem.* shall be appointed.

ARTICLE VI.

The Executive Board shall, at the annual meeting of the Association, lay before it a full report of its affairs, and of the proceedings of the Board for the past year, and communicate such other information as may be considered useful.

ARTICLE VII.

The Recording Secretary shall give at least three days' notice in the newspapers, of the time and place of the election, and of the meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Board shall have full authority to confer with and assist the Ladies' Branch of the Union Benevolent Association in carrying its objects into execution ; to divide the city and county of Philadelphia into districts ; to appoint an agent or agents, with such salaries as may be necessary, and to take such other measures as they may deem expedient to carry the objects of the Association into effect, and shall have power to fill all vacancies which may occur in the Board.

ARTICLE IX.

The Treasurer shall report monthly to the Board, and shall, at the Annual Meeting of the Association, lay before it a full statement of his accounts, and of the funds of the Association ; and shall pay all orders drawn by the President under the direction of the Association or Board. He shall keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Association in books which shall always be accessible to the Board, or a committee thereof appointed for that purpose. He shall deposit the money of the Association in such place, and make such investments thereof, as the Board may from time to time order.

ARTICLE X.

The Recording Secretary shall keep fair minutes of the proceedings of the Association and of the Board ; shall attest their official acts and give notice of their meetings. In case of his absence, a Secretary *pro tem.* shall be appointed.

ARTICLE XI.

The correspondence of the Association and of the Board shall be under the charge of the Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE XII.

The Managers may make any rules, regulations or by-laws, that they may think proper, not inconsistent with this charter.

ARTICLE XIII.

The Executive Board shall have power in the absence or disability of either of the officers of the Association, to appoint an officer *pro tem.* to perform any of his duties, and to fill any vacancy that may occur in either of the said offices. A majority of all the members of the said Board shall have the power to remove either of the said officers.

ARTICLE XIV.

To guard against any inconvenience in carrying into execution the amendments to the Constitution of the said Association, the officers and Managers constituting the Executive Board, when these amendments to the Constitution shall have been granted, and those who may be elected to fill vacancies, shall hold their respective offices, and exercise all the powers, and perform all the duties of the Executive Board, until the next annual election, and until their successors shall be appointed.

Recorded in the office for Recording Deeds, &c., for the City and County of Philadelphia; in Miscellaneous Book J. A. H., No. 1, page 471, &c. Witness my hand and seal of office, the 4th day of October, A. D. 1871

J. A. HOUSEMAN,

Recorder.

PER M. MYERS.

BY - LAWS

*For the government of the Executive Board of the Union
Benevolent Association.*

ARTICLE I.—Stated Meetings shall be held on the fourth Friday in each month, at seven and a half P. M., or on such other day and hour as the Board may appoint.

ARTICLE II.—Special Meetings may be called by the President, or in his absence, by either of the Vice Presidents, at the written request of five members of the Board.

ARTICLE III.—The order of business shall be as follows :

1. Calling the Roll.
2. Reading the minutes.
3. Report of Agent.
4. Report of Treasurer.
5. Report of Standing Committees.
6. Report of Special Committees.
7. Deferred business.
8. New business.
9. Election.

ARTICLE IV.—The following Standing Committees shall be chosen by ballot, at the first meeting of the Board after the annual election :

1. A Committee on Publications, to consist of not less than three members.

2. A Committee of Conference, to consist of not less than five members, to attend the monthly meeting of the Ladies' Board.

3. A Committee on Finance, to consist of not less than five members, to confer with the Treasurer, and have an oversight of the financial concerns; at least one of their number to examine and certify *all* bills before they be ordered to be paid by this Board.

4. A Committee on Office and Work, to consist of not less than five members.

5. A Committee on Fuel and Stoves, to consist of not less than five members.

ARTICLE V.—Special Committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer. All Committees to report in writing, signed by such persons as the Committee shall direct.

ARTICLE VI.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a faithful record of the proceedings, read each minute *when made*, and to notify all Committees through their chairman, of their appointment and its objects.

ARTICLE VII.—The Board shall elect by ballot suitable persons to fill vacancies which may occur in its body. A majority of the members present shall be necessary for a choice.

ARTICLE VIII.—All resolutions shall be offered in writing, and signed by the mover, if requested by any member.

ARTICLE IX.—For all bills duly certified and approved by the Board, orders shall be drawn on the Treasurer, signed by the President, and countersigned by the Secretary.